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Our Case No. 9281-4642  
Client Ref. No. N US03514

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Sumihito Morita et al. )  
Serial No.: To Be Assigned )  
Filing Date: Herewith )  
For: Thin Film Magnetic Head Having )  
Partial Insulating Layer Formed on )  
Bottom Pole Layer Through Gap Layer )  
and Method of Manufacturing the )  
Same )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.